

## ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

W. E. Clyde Todd, Curator Emeritus of Birds at Carnegie Museum, died on 24 June 1969 in his 95th year. Mr. Todd, who will be remembered for his two monumental works, "The Birds of Western Pennsylvania" and "The Birds of the Labrador Peninsula," had been a member of the Society since 1911, and was the senior member of the A.O.U.

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The University of Miami announces the appointment of Oscar T. Owre to the Robert E. Maytag Chair of Ornithology.

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The International Council for Bird Preservation, United States and Pan-American Sections, have limited funds available to assist research into the status, ecology and biology of rare and endangered species of birds. Qualified persons interested in carrying on such research, and needing funds for that purpose, are invited to submit proposals. Such proposals should be fully documented, indicating the plan of study, previous experience and training, what other financial assistance is being sought, a detailed expense estimate, and, if by a graduate student, a recommendation from his major professor.

Proposals relating to birds outside the Latin American area should be forwarded to Stuart Keith, Secretary, U.S. Section, I.C.B.P., American Museum of Natural History, New York, N. Y. 10024; if relating to birds in Latin America to Eugene Eisenmann, Secretary, Pan-American Section, I.C.B.P., at the same address.

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During May through July of each year for a five year period, Ring-billed Gulls (*Larus delawarensis*) from three Great Lakes colonies will be wing-marked with 1.5 inch-diameter "Saflag" tags. Each colony is represented by a specific color. An attempt is being made to determine the dispersal pattern, migration route, and winter range for each population. Anyone observing such wing-marked gulls is asked to notify Dr. William E. Southern, Department of Biological Sciences, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois 60115. Please report each observation of marked individuals even though the same bird may be sighted on different days. The following information is desired: date, exact location, marker color, and the observer's name. Your assistance in this aspect of the project will be greatly appreciated. Respondents will receive information pertaining to colony locations and the date of marking.

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A study of the northward movement of the Cattle Egret is being made to determine the distribution and post breeding movements of this species throughout its range. The following information is requested: Name, address of observer, date, time, number, location of observation (state, nearest town, county and if possible township, range and section), habitat, activity, and weather. Please send records and observations to Alan B. Schroeder, c/o Norman Bird Sanctuary, Third Beach Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02840.

Cooperators will be sent proper forms and a report of the results, if requested.